



IT IS ORDERED

Date Entered on Docket: May 6, 2015

The Honorable David T. Thuma  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

In re:

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE  
DIOCESE OF GALLUP, a New Mexico  
corporation sole,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 13-13676-t11

**Jointly Administered with:**

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BISHOP OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF GALLUP,  
an Arizona corporation sole.

Case No. 13-13677-t11

This pleading applies to:

- ☒ All Debtors.  
☐ Specified Debtor.

**STIPULATED ORDER REGARDING PLAN OF REORGANIZATION**

The Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup (“**RCCDG**”) and Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of the Diocese of Gallup (the “**Arizona Entity**,” and collectively with RCCDG, the “**Debtors**”) the debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned, jointly-

administered reorganization cases (“**Reorganization Case**”); the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (“**Committee**”); Manly, Stewart & Finaldi and its individual attorneys; Montoya, Jiminez and Pastor, PA and its individual attorneys; Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl & Jones LLP and its individual attorneys; Quarles & Brady LLP and its individual attorneys; Perdue and Kidd LLP and its individual attorneys (collectively, the “**Parties**”), hereby stipulate to the following:

A. The Debtors filed their voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on November 12, 2013.

B. On December 17, 2013, the US Trustee appointed an Unsecured Creditors’ Committee (the “**Committee**”).

C. Since that time, the Debtors have twice moved to extend the exclusive period in which only they had the ability to file a plan of reorganization. Currently, the Debtors retain the exclusive right to file a plan through May 12, 2015, and the exclusive right to solicit acceptances of such plan through July 10, 2015.

D. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d)(2)(A), however, such periods of exclusivity cannot be extended beyond the dates currently set.

E. The Debtors' goal in the Reorganization Cases is to present a consensual plan of reorganization acceptable to the Debtors and the Committee. To that end, the Debtors and Committee have worked cooperatively to move forward with a mediation that could successfully achieve that goal.

F. The Debtors have discussed their exclusive periods (among other things) with the Committee. The Committee has informed the Debtors that if the Debtors were to unilaterally file a plan prior to mediation on a plan, such filing would be counterproductive. Nevertheless, the

Debtors must protect their rights, including their right to an exclusive period in which to file a plan.

G. The Debtors and the Committee agree that if one of them files a plan without the consent of the other and without prior notice to the other, such filing would be counterproductive to the goal of confirming a consensual plan.

H. The Debtors and Committee also agree that a plan filing by any other party without notice to the Debtors and the Committee would be counterproductive to achieving a consensual plan of reorganization.

I. Both the Debtors and the Committee desire to avoid unnecessary litigation costs related to preparing a plan and disclosure statement before they complete efforts to achieve a consensual plan through mediation .

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED AND STIPULATED** by and between the parties hereto, that:

1. In exchange for the Debtors' agreement not to file a plan of reorganization prior to expiration of the Debtors' exclusive periods or thereafter without prior notice to the Committee, the Debtors and the Committee will forbear from filing any plan or disclosure statement after expiration of the exclusive periods without first providing the other with at least sixty (60) days' notice of their intent to file a plan or disclosure statement.

2. Any other person authorized under 11 U.S.C. § 1121(c) to file a plan after expiration of the exclusive period must also provide the Debtors and the Committee with at least sixty (60) days' notice of its intent to do so prior to filing any plan or disclosure statement.

**XXX END OF ORDER XXX**

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